

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-19217-2020 in/and
CRM-M-52017- 2019(O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.08.2020

Balwinder Ram

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present:- Mr. J.S. Dadwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Deol, DAG, Punjab.

RITU BAHRI, J. (ORAL)

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The petitioner is seeking preponment of the main case keeping in view the fact that he has been in custody since 14.06.2019.

The application is allowed. Main case is taken up today itself for hearing.

CRM-M-52017- 2019(O&M)

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R No. 107 dated 14.06.2019 u/s 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Samana, Distt. Patiala.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Swaran Singh, has informed the Court that out of 11 witnesses, only one has been examined so far. On a specific query, learned State counsel submits that

petitioner was not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Keeping in view the COVID-19 situation and the fact that trial may still take some time for its conclusion, this court feels that there is no need to detain the petitioner any longer. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Patiala.

It is, however, made clear that if the petitioner has been found indulging in any other case under NDPS Act., then the respondent-State can file application seeking cancellation of this bail order.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*